

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A cutting head for a brush cutter, edge trimmer or similar, the head being of the type including a passage for a cutter string (300) and a ~~moving~~ movable locking element (400) for locking the string, suitable for locking the string between itself and a backing wall, the head being characterized in that the locking element presents a section in a direction extending transversely to the string that presents at least one ~~indentation~~ recess (403), with contact being made between the locking element and the string at least on either side of the ~~indentation~~ recess.

2. (Original) A cutting head according to claim 1, characterized in that the locking element (400) includes arrangements (404) for gripping the string.

3. (Original) A cutting head according to claim 2, characterized in that the gripping arrangements comprise teeth (404).

4. (Original) A cutting head according to claim 1, characterized in that the locking element includes a longitudinal groove (403).

5. (Original) A cutting head according to claim 4, characterized in that the groove presents a rounded section.

6. (Original) A cutting head according to claim 4, characterized in that the groove presents an angular section.

7. (Original) A cutting head according to claim 6, characterized in that the groove presents a rectangular section.

8. (Previously Presented) A cutting head according to claim 4, characterized in that the groove is of width smaller than the width of the string (300).

9. (Previously Presented) A cutting head according to claim 1, characterized in that the locking element (400) is of section substantially complementary to the section of the string.

10. (Currently Amended) A cutting head according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 4, characterized in that the groove presents a V-shaped section.

11. (Currently Amended) A cutting head according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 4, characterized in that the groove presents a circularly arcuate section.

12. (Previously Presented) A cutting head according to claim 1, characterized in that the locking element (400) comprises a cam.

13. (Previously Presented) A cutting head according to claim 1, characterized in that the locking element (400) comprises a shoe that is movable in translation.

14. (Previously Presented) A vegetation cutting device such as a brush cutter, edge trimmer or similar, characterized in that it includes a cutting head according to claim 1 and a motor suitable for driving said head in rotation.